

**AREA MANAGER, MONTANA AREA OFFICE**  
**DANIEL E. JEWELL**



Dan Jewell is the Area Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Montana Area Office. In this position, Mr. Jewell provides leadership for the Montana Area Office which consists of the area office located in Billings, Montana, and three Field Offices: Canyon Ferry, Yellowtail, and Marias/Milk Rivers. Most of the Montana irrigation development occurred under the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, including the Yellowtail and Canyon Ferry units. Both provide considerable storage for irrigation and power generation and are popular recreation areas. Yellowtail and Canyon Ferry power plants produce about 43 percent of the GP Region's annual power generation, resulting in about \$15 million in revenue each year. The Montana projects provide water to 352,915 acres of land which produced \$78.5 million worth of crops in 1990. Principal crops are sugar beets, hay, corn, wheat and barley. Over 1 million visitor days are spent at Reclamation facilities in Montana each year.

Jewell began his Reclamation career in 1980 as a rotation engineer at the Missouri-Souris Projects Office (now Dakotas Area Office) in Bismarck, North Dakota. Since that time, he has held a number of technical and management positions at locations within both the Mid-Pacific and Great Plains Regions. Immediately prior to joining the Montana Area Office in 2001 as Deputy Area Manager, Jewell was assigned as a special staff assistant to the Great Plains Regional Director. While there, he also served as the U. S. Section secretary of two International Joint Commission (IJC) boards, as well as the Garrison Joint Technical Committee and the Garrison Consultative Group. Jewell more recently served as the U.S. co-chair to the International St. Mary/Milk Rivers Administrative Measures Task Force, which was directed by the IJC to investigate opportunities for improving the administration of the apportionment for the two international rivers.

A native Montanan, Mr. Jewell was raised on a dryland grain farm near the community of Fort Benton. He is a registered professional engineer and holds a B. S. in agricultural engineering from Montana State University at Bozeman.